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Travis team
gathers for a
moment of
reflection...

Changes within the 349th

Welcome to the October UTA! The demobilization process is in full swing as I write this. Today we have 150 reservists demobilized with 353 remaining mobilized. Many more are scheduled to demobilize in the coming weeks as we try to get back to “normal.”

The major exception to this are the Security Forces members who have been extended into their second year. The big push is to get everyone demobilized by the end of the fiscal year to comply with Secretary of Defense guidance and by and large we will achieve this.

As many of you know, there is a lot of concern on the part of our active duty partners here at Team Travis about whether they'll be able to achieve the increased OPS tempo required for Operation Enduring Freedom without mobilized reserve support.

But we have been directed to try and we're at the part where we salute smartly and give it our best shot.

The big challenge for us this month will be the Initial Response Exercise.

We will be processing 425 people and marshallling roughly 30 short tons of cargo during Oct. 15-23. A lot of hard work has gone into getting ready for this and I want to thank all of you in advance for the great showing I'm sure we'll give the HQ AMC inspection team.

Particular thanks to all the UDMs who show up early and work late to make sure LOGMOD is right. You are the keys to our success! Also, thanks to **Mr. Harvey Davis** in the PRU, **Maj. Wil Link, Capt. Rod Grunwald**, and **Chief Master Sgt. Larry Wynn** in XP. I'll have a complete list of our heroes after the inspection!

A contentious issue came up during the mobilization that affected many of our members and here is a status update.

Many of our mobilized reservists live outside the commute area—more

than half, in fact. Such members are entitled to lodging and per diem if they choose not to commute. The problem comes when these members take leave and return home to visit their families. According to the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), per diem and lodging are not authorized during such periods of leave.

The expectation apparently is that members will check out of lodging during these periods. Since most folks have been in these quarters for extended periods of time and have a lot of stuff in lodging, this is very difficult to do.

However, we have checked and re-checked with the functional experts and they insist that the regs will not pay for your lodging when you are on leave and if you leave your stuff in there, you do so at your own expense.

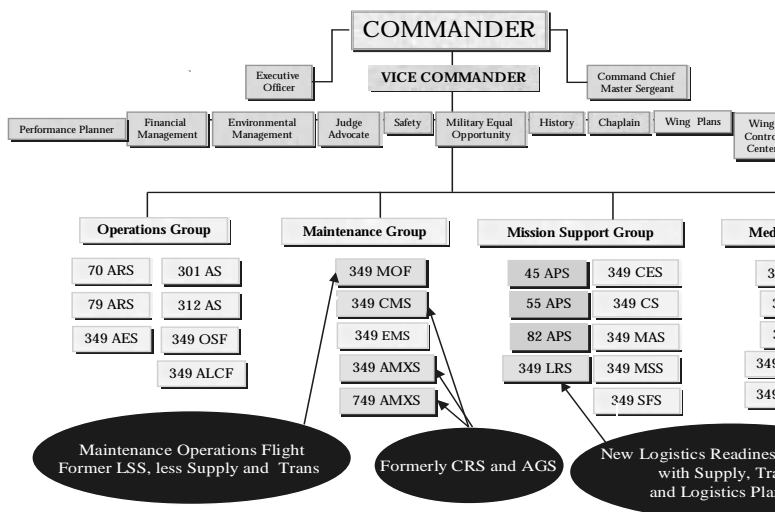
So apparently we are going to have to elevate this issue and see if we can get the JTR changed. This will probably take quite awhile and I'll keep you posted.

One of the things I briefed at the last Wing Commander's Call was the reorganization resulting from the CSAF Logistics Review (see graphic below.)

The changes are effective Oct. 1, 2002. The Support Group has been re-titled the Mission Support Group (MSG) and will pick up the three Aerial Port Squadrons from the Operations Group.

The new MSG will stand up a new unit called the Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) later this year once we get the new manning document.

The Logistics Group has been retitled the Maintenance Group (MXG) and most



Pass and Review

By Col. James T. Rubeor

of the people in the Logistics Support Squadron will transfer to the new LRS.

The Component Repair Squadron will change its name to the Component Maintenance Squadron. There will be some other minor changes but, as I said at the commander's call, what you do will not change, only who you report to.

Congratulations to our Chaplain Staff! **Major's Greg Stringer** and **Lebane Hall**, and **Tech. Sgt. Norman Bolds** recently deployed on an IGX to Savannah in support of an EORI and earned one silver and two greens for their UTC! The silver rating is a new one that the IG is using. We're proud to report our Chaplains were some of the first to earn this superior rating!

I need your help. Our government travel card numbers are not looking good. There are two parts to these numbers. The first part is accounts overdue and we have some of those and those folks know what they need to do—pay the bill! But I prefer to look at the positive side of things and there is something positive each of us can do. You are required as a minimum to use your government charge card when you purchase airline tickets, hotels or rental cars in association with your official travel. You can, however, use it for any purchases associated with your government business. This would include any meals, entertainment or gasoline charges if you drive your POV. Every little bit helps so use your card!

See you at the UTA!



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The 349th Top Three Council has been busy! Their efforts can be found in the 349th AMW Enlisted Workshops, Operation Gratitude (the California Veterans' Home breakfast in Yountville), Honor Guard Luncheon, Operation Teddy Bears, Combat Dining-Ins, and more. Read this article and see how you can be a part of this outstanding organization!

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The list is out for Lt. Colonel and Captains - check out page 11. Enlisted promotions and the latest PEPs are listed on page 12.

On the Cover



Pulling together: An early morning reveille provided the opportunity for members of Travis Team to gather and remember those lost on September 11, 2001. Civilians, active and reserve military, along with community leaders participated in this ceremony which consisted of a 21-gun salute, the playing of taps, a flag-raising ceremony and the singing of "God Bless America."

(Cover photo by Nan Wylie, Base Multimedia Service Center)

First sergeants continue Air Force heritage

Continuing the heritage of our Air Force, the first sergeant prepares his or her people for battles abroad and guides them through troubles at home.

Carefully selected and formally trained, the first sergeant is the enlisted person responsible for maintaining discipline, order and morale in a unit. That job description entails many dimensions, from counseling members who are not meeting military standards to counseling them on career progression and education.

Just a few years ago a visit from the grim reaper was more welcome than seeing the first sergeant. However, the first sergeant is now a confidante during personal, military or financial difficulties, an ally in struggles with civilian employers, and a contact for families.

The first sergeant implements the commander's policies and programs and, in turn, presents the commander an enlisted force fully prepared to carry out its military obligations. Just as the military has a new generation of well educated, highly motivated reservists, it has a new generation of first sergeants to match.

In today's military environment of rainbow forces, seamless operations and Total Force is just one reason why the Reserve First Sergeant's Academy has closed its doors and moved their operations from Robins AFB Ga. to Maxwell AFB Al.

The Air Force First Sergeant's Academy will train all Air Force first sergeants – active duty, Reserve and Guard. A recent graduate is **Master Sgt. Aretha Chandler**, 349th OSF who was in the very first class at the newly combined operations at Maxwell.

The First Sergeant Academy prepares selected senior noncommissioned officers to perform effectively by providing instruction on communication skills, unit administration, supply and facility management, drill, military justice, and human relations.

I believe things are the same as when I went through the Academy. That is, they don't try and make first sergeants experts in any one thing, but teach them to find experts to get people help. At graduation, each first sergeant finally receives their diamond. Their first diamond is "tacked on." This distinctive symbol on



Chief's Counsel

By Command Chief Master Sgt.
Anthony L. Maddux

their uniform then identifies them as first sergeants.

I encourage all eligible enlisted members to consider this challenging job during their career.

Our next First Sergeant Selection Board will be in December. Personnel interested in being interviewed by the board must have their package completed and submitted to the Military Personnel Flights Personnel Employment section by November 1. They can also answer your questions concerning the requirements for the package and the board.

Top 3 Council meeting location, time

Place: Delta Breeze Club

Time: 5 p.m.

Day: Saturday of each UTA

Who: All Top 3 are invited to attend.



Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., Vice Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, addresses members of the 349th during the "Year of the Warrior" Enlisted Workshop.

Photo by Nan Wylie, Base Multimedia Service Center

Tactical is our middle name

Story by Maj. Karen D. Bosko

349th Communication Squadron

The 349th Communications Squadron, an Air Force Reserve Tactical Communications Squadron at Travis, has built a reputation throughout the Air Force Reserve and the active duty communications arena. If you have a tactical communications job, we are ready to do it. We were recently recognized as the Communication and Information Organization of the Year for AFRC for 2001.

During the last week of September, 2001, the 349th CS sent two members to forward locations when an active duty unit needed to fill shortfalls. Master Sgt. John Yingst and Staff Sgt. Che Lau were notified and on a plane within 15 hours, providing ground radio support for two different locations.

"Organized chaos, at a very small site with no communications equipment" is how Yingst described his first impression of the deployed location. Not only was the communication team building base infrastructure, they also provided base

security for the site, and cooks for the base chow hall, earning the title "jack of all trades."

Just after the installation of initial communication, all communication equipment had to be redeployed to another location. This involved the complete removal of all cable and equipment so it could be used at the new location. During their 100-plus day deployment, the team completely built-up two sites and assisted on a third. Our reservists blended in with the active duty and epitomized the Total Force concept.

Then in December, when AMC determined its next location to build a transportation hub, an active duty communications squadron was tasked with providing the equipment and personnel.

Due to other commitments, the active duty squadron could provide most of the equipment but none of the personnel. This gave the 349th CS an opportunity and challenge. Our A-Team accepted the assignment. Active duty equipment was quickly and thoroughly operations checked, palletized and prepared for



Photo by Maj. Craig Wells, 349th CS

Sweat box?: Master Sgt. Jimmy Skaggs uses his expertise to build this custom made fiber junction box.

shipment. We then selected 22-highly trained individuals from a core 60-person squadron. This would be the squadron's first wartime deployment with the Theater Deployable Communications Integrated Communications Access Package (TDC/ICAP).

After a few long flights, the team arrived at Qatar and the mission began. With no communications infrastructure, the job started at square one. Arriving at sunrise, the team went straight to work. A flying base needed communications and we were the ones to do it. Some members of the team didn't fully unpack their personal gear for weeks.

With no Engineering and Installation (E&I) support available, our small team became experts at digging through coral rock by hand, wearing out three pick-axes in the process.

With the tally still growing, the 349th CS has installed more than 7000 feet of fiber optic cabling, 107,000 feet of copper cabling, 3,000 feet of conduit, terminated 50 pairs of fiber, installed 500 Ethernet and 300 DSN drops.

We supported a base populace of up to 1200 users, 250 Non-Secure Internet Protocol Router Network (NiprNet) computers, 50 Secure Internet Protocol Router Network (SiprNet) computers, and 150 DSN phone lines. Seven unique solutions were created for Army proprietary systems, and five emergency base telephone networks and priority access for vital communications



Photo by Maj. Craig Wells, 349th CS

Ditch Diggin': Staff Sgt. John Grace digs through the coral rock in order to lay a conduit for a fiber line.

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349th helps in reaching out to the *East Bay Stand Down at Camp Parks*

Story and photos by
Master Sgt. Marvin Meek
Public Affairs

“We could do more — We should do more.” That’s the feeling that remains inside the hearts and minds of the hundreds of volunteers who participated in “East Bay Stand Down 2002,” held in Dublin recently. For most of the more than 50 volunteers from the 349th Air Mobility Wing, it’s more than a feeling; it’s a rallying cry and a wake up call.

“Stand Down” is a term used during war to describe the practice of removing combat troops from the field and taking care of their basic needs in a safe area. “East Bay Stand Down 2002” did just that, only this time the “troops” were needy and homeless veterans living near California’s East Bay Area and the safe area was a tent city in the Parks Reserve Forces Area (also known as Camp Parks).

According to the National Coalition for Veterans, there are more than 250,000

A significant number of these veterans have had little or no contact with the VA for either monetary or medical benefits. Nor have they had much contact with any other agency offering assistance.

At the “East Bay Stand Down,” 400 tents, manned by more than 800 volunteers, brought many vital services to the veterans. They received food, clothing, shelter, showers and haircuts. There were healthcare providers to assist them with physical and mental needs and counselors to work with them on issues including substance abuse, employment options, veterans’ benefits and spiritual concerns.

Many of the volunteers were civilians who donated their services. For example, there were several beauticians and barbers who provided free haircuts. Sharon Brown and Elisa Bennett are both small business owners who operate salons in the Bay area. They volunteered to provide free haircuts to the veterans. As did Sgt. Major Joyce Espinosa, an

Army Reservist, who also is a licensed beautician.

According to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, bureaucracy remains the veteran’s most formidable enemy. Applying for benefits can be frustrating and for many veterans, the

bureaucracy has forced them into alienation. Some veterans for example, fearing arrest or fines will not seek help for any type of minor civil offenses. Here’s where a “Stand Down” can help.

At “Stand Down,” courts, with several Superior Court judges from participating

counties presiding, are set up to adjudicate their offenses. They are set up just for the veterans and



Cool and refreshing: Master Sgt. Eve Beckner, 349th Command Section, serves beverages during lunch.

needy and homeless veterans nationally. Within the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates that there are more than 7,000 needy or homeless veterans. In the Northern California area, estimates are as high as 15,000 or more.



Lunch is served: Tech. Sgt. Norm Bolds, 349th Command Section, serves lunch at the mess tent.

Those who have served before us

Parks provided services to hundreds

are geared towards resolving the veteran's legal issues without all the red tape.



Chaplain Office, puts the finishing touches on the

1st Lt. Mark DuBois, 349th Military Equal Opportunity and Chief Master Sgt. Karen Redd, 70th Air Refueling Squadron served as bailiffs at the courts. Their duties included standing guard outside the

tents where the courts were being convened. Other times, they helped direct traffic, keeping the stream of participants flowing from one service provider to another. For both, it was a learning experience they won't soon forget.

"Many of these veterans have legal problems, simply because they do not have enough money. They may have started out with a minor infraction, but because they don't have the money to do anything about it — for example, pay a fine, they don't appear in court when they are summoned. Soon, the very small problem has become what appears to them to be an insurmountable one," said DuBois.

The goals of a Stand Down are to place the participants into residential programs, offer employment, and to provide follow-up programs of various types. The program has a proven track record for reaching veterans and breaking the cycle of homelessness. Consequently, since the first Stand Down was held in San Diego in 1988, Stand-downs have occurred in more than 200 cities nationwide. More than 100,000 veterans and their families have benefited from Stand-downs, according to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

They are extremely rewarding, but also a lot of work.

Chief Redd, who entered the Air Force at the end of Operation Baby Lift in the mid seventies, says her memories of that era fuel her desire to help out now. "Most of



Sgt. Maj. Joyce Espinosa, an Army Reservist stationed at Camp Parks is also a licensed beautician. She volunteered to provide haircuts to the veterans during the Stand Down.

these folks were in Vietnam, risking their lives. Whatever it takes today to support a better way of life for these Veterans, is worth it," she said.

Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence Wynn, 349th Plans Manager, volunteered to coordinate the Wing's East Bay Stand Down volunteer effort. "I attended one of these a year ago and I really felt like I needed to be a part of this. We all do. We owe these veterans a tremendous debt of gratitude," said Wynn.

"We have more than 50 people from the wing volunteering to help with cooking,, cleaning, security, laundry, administration — whatever needs to be done."

Another volunteer, Lt. Col. Frank Marrero, 70th ARS commander, assisted with the media organizations that were there to publicize the event.

"I want to give something back to the veterans. They are heroes. It's especially important for us in the military to help each other. One day, any one of us could be in a similar situation — hoping someone is willing to help," Marrero said.

To find out what you can do to help or to just learn more about these types of programs, visit the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Website at www.nchv.org or visit the East Bay Stand Down website at www.eastbaystanddown.org.

Operational Security critical, now more than ever

by Tech. Sgt. Kevan Blanco

349th OSF/IN

Protecting classified and sensitive unclassified information is a responsibility that extends not only to the uniformed members of the Air Force, but also to our families as well. We often take for granted our important role in protecting fellow airmen when we should be carefully guarding information that may help the enemy.

You can protect our fellow airmen and loved ones by practicing good operations security, better known as OPSEC.

OPSEC is a security program designed to prevent all types of sensitive information (often unclassified) from getting into the wrong hands. Such information can be extremely valuable to our adversaries because it can provide information on our daily operations and, more importantly, our future plans and activities.

OPSEC is the process of denying adversaries information about USAF. We want to protect USAF capabilities and intentions by identifying, controlling, and protecting information associated with

the planning and conduct of military operations or exercises. The key to successful OPSEC is identifying information, called indicators, which are tip-offs of impending activities.

For example, unusual changes in duty hours, large numbers of TDY personnel to or from a unit, or increased aircraft sorties launched in a given time period could be valuable clues to an adversary.

Remember: our adversaries don't necessarily need to know when or where we plan to conduct a certain operation; however they do need information concerning our capabilities and intentions so they can plan their war fighting strategies.

OPSEC is a continuous, systematic process involving security and common sense. We use it to analyze Air Force operations plans and programs in order to detect any weakness which may provide our enemies insights into our mission. The most important steps in the process are:

- Know your units mission,
- Recognize the adversary intelligence threat to your unit,
- Be aware of your unit's critical

information called Essential Elements of Friendly Information (EEFIs),

- Identify indicators which might disclose this information,
- Develop protective measures to eliminate these indicators, thereby denying our adversaries information needed to plan operations against us,

Members must be constantly alert for vulnerabilities in their units. For more information regarding specific elements of information we are all trying to protect, consult your unit's OPSEC monitor.

It is not only important to practice good OPSEC to protect the mission, but also to protect our families as well. Letting people know that your husband or wife may be away from home advertises to criminals that your family and possessions are more vulnerable.

OPSEC is not a collection of specific rules and instructions. Rather, it is a way of thinking that applies to any operational activity. Now might be a good time to discuss with your unit and your family the importance of maintaining a good OPSEC practices.

CATCH THE WAVE! JOIN US!

by Chief Master Sgt. Trish "Air" Thornton

Top 3 Council President

As we reflect during these challenging times, what keeps us going? What keeps us energized? Our roles as reservists are ever expanding as the world situation changes, which demands more from us, our families, our employers as well as our communities. Sometimes it's all we can do to stop and just breathe.

So what sustains us? For many of us, it's the spirit of giving back. You see this in abundance throughout the 349th AMW. Formally representing this awesome ideal and energy is the Top 3 Council.

Organized three years ago under the able leadership of Chief Master Sgt. Bob Potter, 55th APS, and the tenacious, hardworking Top 3 Council officers and members, we've come a long way. We've more than tripled our membership as well as sponsored many worthwhile events.

We've been busy! You name it, and

we've touched it in some way. The 349th AMW Enlisted Workshops, Operation Gratitude (the California Veterans' Home breakfast in Yountville), Honor Guard Luncheon, Operation Teddy Bears, Combat Dining-Ins, and more, are all Top 3-sponsored events.

Our involvement will continue to broaden as the Top 3 matures and expands our mission and role within the 349th community and beyond. We're also actively working to improve the reservists' quality of life (i.e. health care, dining facility access, lodging, etc.)

How do we accomplish all this? Through the unbelievable efforts of our members including the Rising 6 (airman basic-technical sergeant). It is amazing how this energy takes on a life of its own. It's truly contagious. Everyone seems to find a project that captures their passion, and they run with it. Others see this energy and get caught up in it as well.

Why is this spirit spreading? Because everything we do is to improve morale,



to motivate, to mentor, to reward, to give back, and to have fun in the

process. When others' lives are improved and you've been a part of that, it's a no-brainer. You feel good. What makes you feel good, you tend to repeat. It's as simple as that.

Now I know you're thinking, "How do I become a part of this great organization and their ongoing mission of giving back?"

It's easy. Attend our meetings that are held on Saturdays of each UTA, at 5 p.m. at the Delta Breeze (Brew Pub on the enlisted side). Also, all our meeting minutes, agendas, events, etc., are found on the F drive in the Top 3 Council folder.

For additional information, e-mail me at: patricia.thornton@travis.af.mil. Dues are \$24.00 per calendar year. Rising 6 are invited to join as well (no dues required). We are mentoring the Rising 6 to form their own group in 2003.

Catch the wave! Join us!

AF Secretary and Chief of Staff say thanks

Our nation is relying on you now more than ever and your civilian employers continue to bear the hardships to support Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Air Force Secretary James Roche and Chief of Staff General John Jumper want to thank those employers personally by sending each of them a letter and an Air Force employer recognition lapel pin

modeled after the "E" flags of WW II.

Reservists are asked to submit the name and address of their direct civilian supervisor and name and address of the head of the company for which they work.

Application forms for submission of names is provided below, it can also be found in your orderly room, Wing Headquarters Conference Room; Family Readiness Office and in the Public Affairs

Office. Forms should be turned in to Family Readiness, Bldg. 238, room 103.

Or, you may quickly and easily submit the data by going to the website located at: yourguardiansoffreedom.com/thanks.

If you have any questions, please contact the Family Readiness staff at (707) 424-1616.

All members of the 349th are eligible for this offer.

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needs with 6000 requests for service handled. We provided communications for two major operations and the day-to-day missions supporting the war fighters in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Our customer base was primarily the 561st Combat Support Battalion from Ft Campbell, Ky and the 64th Aerospace Expeditionary Group. From the troops perspective, our biggest achievements were wiring the tent with audio/visual for the projection TV for Superbowl XXXVI and providing email capability for communication with their families.

"The Army appreciated each and every thing we did for them, they were incredible customers," stated Maj Craig Wells, 349th CS commander and deployed team chief.

After 134 days in the sand, our A-Team was replaced by our B-Team. Seamless to the customers, from project conception

through implementation, here was teamwork at its best. The Long Reach Ethernet (LRE) implementation project involved both teams enabling extension of NIPRNET services to previously isolated user enclaves. This project involved a partnership with Cisco Systems and the A-Team to obtain equipment, and the B-Team installing and implementing the services.

Although still in the build up phase of the deployment, the second team was also moving toward the sustainment phase of the operation. Relocating the TSSR (TropoSpheric Satellite Relay system) and the Giant Voice installation (base's warning loud speakers) were two major projects accomplished by the second team.

Looking at the numbers, here's a snapshot of the 349th CS team's efforts: 91 percent of deployment eligible communications personnel actually did deploy with four individuals completing multiple deployments; supported



Photo by Maj. Craig Wells, 349th CS

Ready to go: Staff Sgt. Chad Bohren, Tech. Sgt. Kem Musgrove, Tech. Sgt. Dave Rucker, Staff Sgt. Brandon Kraus and Staff Sgt. Venancio Camino are preparing pallets for redeployment.

operations responsible for 95 percent of all material going through the theater in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, including Operation Anaconda; fastest activation of a circuit in the AOR.



Photo by Maj. Craig Wells, 349th CS

Putting the day to bed: A deployed airmen takes a hold of Old Glory as she waves strong and proud at the end of the day retreat ceremony with a beautiful sunset for a backdrop.

To Lieutenant Colonel

NAME	UNIT	EFF DATE
Adams, Carolyn	349th Medical Sq	1-Oct-02
Brooks, Dorothy A.	349th Aeromed Sptg Sq	1-Oct-02
Brooks, Todd A.	312th Airlift Sq	12-Sep-02
Broussard, Barrett P.	312th Airlift Sq	1-Sep-03
Dublin, Marc A.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	1-Oct-02
Fazekas, Cynthia A.	349th Medical Sq	1-Oct-02
Featherston, William B.	70th Air Refueling Sq	17-Mar-03
Jarrell, William G. Jr.	349th Operations Support Ft	8-Mar-03
Kleinman, Mark	349th Operations Support Ft	1-Oct-02
Ostertag, Jon E.	349th Civil Engineer Sq	19-Dec-02
Rees, Donlad L.	312th Airlift Sq	12-Sep-02
Svetz, Robert M.	70th Air Refueling Sq	1-Jun-03
Young, Darrell G.	312th Airlift Sq	12-Sep-02
Valentine, Jayma J.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	1-Oct-02
Valle, Herminigildo V.	349th Aerospace Medicine Sq	1-Jul-03
Whitmore, Gary B.	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	1-Oct-02

To Captain

Alderson, Harry D.	82nd Aerial Port Sq	1-Oct-02
Bodem, Thomas R.	349th Operations Support Ft	26-Feb-03
Canosa, David P.	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	1-Oct-02
Cotter, Terry T.	349th Air Mobility Wg	1-Oct-02
Creamer, Paula M.	349th Medical Sq	29-Sep-03
Davidson, Eric J.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	1-Oct-02
Davis, Auston H.	82nd Aerial Port Sq	23-Apr-03
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Dickson, Samuel T.	312th Airlift Sq	1-Oct-02
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Donohoe, Gabriel D.	312th Airlift Sq	2-Jul-03
Dubois, Mark D.	349th Air Mobility Wg	20-Aug-03
Galvan, Shean M.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	1-Oct-02
Harty, James C.	301st Airlift Sq	1-Oct-02
Hicks, Jean T.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	1-Oct-02
Houston, Michael A.	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	1-Oct-02
Johnson, Tracy A.	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	1-Oct-02
Kam, Michael C.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	7-Jun-03
Kenney, Debra L.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	15-Jan-03
Kessler, Pamela A.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	1-Oct-02
Krueger, Alexander C.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	1-Oct-02
Lawson, Kim I.	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	1-Oct-02
Lime, Iluminado S.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	1-Oct-02
Lopez, Kimberly A.	349th Medical Sq	1-Oct-02
Lozada, Alex A.	349th Medical Sq	1-Oct-02
Mackaig, David P.	312th Airlift Sq	1-Oct-02
Mamaril, Emily B.	349th Medical Sq	1-Oct-02
Marcott, Michael A.	312th Airlift Sq	2-Jul-03
Meeks, Ernest T.	301st Airlift Sq	1-Oct-02
Mendoza, Marilynn E.	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	1-Oct-02
Nuevo, Albert Y.	349th Medical Sq	12-Jul-03
Opada, Matt M. Jr.	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	31-Aug-03
Quinteros, Abraham A.	55th Aerial Port Sq	26-Feb-03
Rhodes, Thomas A.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	1-Oct-02
Roser, James D.	70th Air Refueling Sq	1-Oct-02
Santos, Nimfa B.	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	1-Oct-02
Schmidt, Richard R.	312th Airlift Sq	26-Feb-03
Scott, Mary M.	349th Medical Sq	22-Sep-03
Slater, Thomas R.	312th Airlift Sq	1-Oct-02
Smith, Nancy A.	349th Aerospace Medicine Sq	1-Jul-03
Taylor, Robert D.	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	1-Oct-02
Teal, Cynthia A.	312th Airlift Sq	1-Oct-02
Thompson, Carlton A. Jr.	45th Aerial Port Sq	18-Jun-03
Timko, Zachary Elias	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	16-Sep-03
Tornay, Alan M.	82nd Aerial Port Sq	1-Oct-02
Torres, Nancy	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	1-Oct-02
Ulrich, Laura B.	349th Aeromed Evac Sq	1-Oct-02
Wehner, Sharon D.	349th Medical Sq	1-Oct-02
West, Douglas M.	301st Airlift Sq	2-Jul-03
Wible, Julie L.	349th Aerospace Medicine Sq	8-Mar-03
Young, Dawn J.	349th Air Mobility Wg	1-Oct-02
Zamora, Maria U.	349th Aeromed Stg Sq	1-Oct-02

Safety Tips for Halloween



Children:

Carry a flashlight.
Walk, don't run.
Stay on sidewalks.
Obey traffic signals.
Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
Don't cut across yards or driveways.
Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
Costumes shouldn't drag on the ground.
Shoes should fit.
Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
(If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
Wear clothing with reflective markings.
Approach only houses that are lit.
Stay away from pets you don't know.

Parents:

Your child should eat before setting out.
Older Children should carry quarters or a cell phone so they can call home if needed.
Ideally, young children should be accompanied by a trusted adult.
If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
Older children should have a curfew.
You should know where they're going.
Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

Homeowners:

Make sure the yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip young ones.
Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.
Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
Make sure yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.
Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.
Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins.



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